


REMARKS

On July 17, 18 and 19, 2007, Applicants' undersigned attorney called the Examiner to discuss Applicants' Response After Final Rejection dated June 22, 2007. The Examiner agreed to consider claim amendments that would further clarify the claimed "virtual logic networks" and distinguish over Nitadori. In an email dated July 19, 2007 from Applicants' undersigned attorney to the Examiner, Applicants proposed claim amendments to independent claims 1, 5, 10 and 14. In a telephone discussion on July 20, 2007 between Applicants' undersigned attorney and the Examiner, the Examiner identified antecedent issues in the claims, questioned whether independent claim 19 should also include limitations concerning the "physical network" and "virtual logic networks" as in the other independent claims, and requested a set of proposed claim amendments by facsimile. On July 25, 2007, Applicants faxed a set of proposed claim amendments that would (1) clarify the "physical network" and "virtual logic networks" in all claims, (2) correct the antecedent issues identified by the Examiner, and (3) amend claim 19 to place it in a context like the other claims. On July 26, 2007, the Examiner called Applicants' undersigned attorney, indicated that the amendments appear to place the claims in condition for allowance (subject to final review), and requested that a formal amendment be filed with the same proposed claim amendments.

In response to the Examiner's request, Applicants are submitting this Amendment which amends the claims in the same way as in the amendments proposed in the July 25, 2007 facsimile transmission. Applicants request entry of these claim amendments, and reconsideration and allowance of this application. If the Examiner believes the application still is not in condition for allowance, he is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney at 312-321-4723.

Finally, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Shedrick for his help and patience in moving this prosecution forward quickly and efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,


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